TERM 3 ENDS next Thursday 18th September at 3.30pm. Children return to school on Tuesday 7th October.

OUT OF SCHOOL HOURS CARE program will be available on Friday 19th September and Monday 6th October. Parents are able to book online or with Zeyna now.

We pray for those who have died recently, especially Jim Formosa (special Uncle of Josh & Hayley Sammut).

We pray for those who are sick, especially Robert Maniquiz (Kristine Yr 3).

SACRAMENTAL NEWS: Children in Yr 3 have commenced their preparation for the celebration of First Reconciliation. The presentation masses are on the weekends of 20th/21st Sept and 27/28th Sept.

LONG SERVICE LEAVE: Mrs Andrea Wilberger will commence 3 weeks leave at the beginning of term 4. We wish her a relaxing and enriching time as she takes this extended break.

SCHOOL FEES: All school fee payments should be finalised by next Wednesday. Contact should be made urgently with the School Office if you are not able to finalise your payments by then and have not yet got a payment plan in place.

WORKING BEE
Saturday September 20th
9.00am—12noon
BBQ lunch

We have received replies from 10 families—5 of whom can help on the day! We need many more families helping to maintain and develop our beautiful school. If you are not working on Saturday 20th please consider giving us a hand for an hour or two. Please return the slip that was on last week’s flier to indicate if you can help or not. We cannot do the planned work without your support!

PREMIERS’ READING CHALLENGE
Ends tomorrow: 12th September!

Enter all the books you’ve read online.

SCHOOL DISCO
Wednesday
17th September
Junior School Disco Time
Prep-1
4.30pm—6.00pm

Senior School Disco Time
Yrs 2-6
6.30pm-8.00pm
THANK YOU for the wonderful response to the Fathers’ Day activities last week. So many dads responded to the invitation to come and share breakfast at school with the children. So many mums worked to provide the breakfast and to organise the Fathers’ Day stall. A great community spirit was evident across the school last week!

Make me a channel of your peace;
Where there is sadness, let me bring joy.

ST FRANCIS FEAST DAY CELEBRATIONS
FRIDAY OCTOBER 10
9.15 mass
PE showcase
Subway lunch
Hope you can join us

Return the Subway order forms

ATHLETICS REPORT: Last Thursday 44 Year 3-6 students represented St Francis at the Truganina District Athletic Carnival. The students competed against 7 other schools from the district in track and field events. This is the first time our school has competed at the district Athletic carnival. The students demonstrated enthusiasm and supported each other in all events. Congratulations to Edward Mirindi, Jack Bonnet, Rachael Nyok and Nyakoth Manyiel who did exceptionally well and will be representing our school at the Division Athletics Carnival next Wednesday.

LADIES MOVIE NIGHT—SAVE THE DATE:
The PIP Fundraising Committee are organising a Ladies event on Monday 13th October at the Sun Theatre Yarraville. All mothers and their female friends and family members are invited to join us to see the 7pm screening of the movie ‘Wish I was here’. If you would like to join us please save the date and see the flyer for more information.

PARISH NEWS:
Deacon Minh who has been working with us over the last twelve months is to be ordained on Saturday. This is a significant occasion in his life and in the life of the Church. We pray for him as he takes this step in faith and becomes a priest.

Saturday: Ordination at St Patrick’s Cathedral Sunday: Celebration of his first mass at 10.30 at St James.

Please note there are changes to Sunday morning’s mass times: 7.30am, 9.00am & 10.30am.

St James Community Fete Raffle
Raffle ticket books with 10 tickets in them have been sent home today for the Community Fete Raffle. Raffle tickets are only $1 each and there are 7 great prizes to be won, including an ipad for first prize. Please record the name, address and phone number on the raffle tickets and return the tickets with the money to school by Thursday 16th October. The raffle will be drawn at the Parish Fete on Saturday 18th October.

DATES TO REMEMBER
12th Sept: Premier’s Reading Challenge ends
13th Sept: Deacon Minh’s Ordination
16th Sept: Parent conversation with leaders
17th Sept: School disco
18th Sept: End of term for children
19th Sept: School Closure Day

TERM 4
6th Oct : School Closure day
7th Oct : Term 4 begins
10th Oct : St Francis Feast Day Celebrations

13th Oct : Ladies night out
18th Oct: Parish Fete
20th Oct: Prep Orientation
21st Oct: PIP meeting
22nd Oct: Parent Conversation with leaders
29th Oct: First Reconciliation celebration